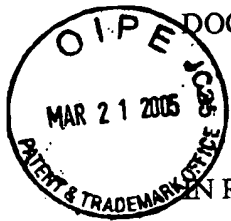


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 21, 2004, the Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following  
amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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